

Building Lasting Partnerships to Improve Global Food Security Through the Innovative Agricultural Research Initiative (iAGRI)

Purpose

The Innovative Agricultural Research Initiative (iAGRI) is a Feed the Future project funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and led by Ohio State's Office of International Programs in Agriculture.

iAGRI's mission is to build a more sustainable food system in Tanzania by strengthening the training, research and outreach capacities of Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries (MALF), to achieve food security and improve livelihoods.

Impact

Provision of advanced degree training in agriculture sciences to 135 Tanzanians at OSU and 5 other U.S. partner universities to improve teaching, research, and outreach, to sustainably enhance food security in Tanzania.

Development of 95 technologies with community-based partners to address priority food security challenges including soil fertility, climate change, plant diseases, gender inequality, & maize productivity through 12 research collaborations with US and Tanzanian researchers.

Implementation of 23 programs designed to strengthen SUA's capacity to sustainably develop and implement research and outreach activities with community-based stakeholders and the private sector.



Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
Office of International Programs in Agriculture
Ohio State Extension
College of Education and Human Ecology
College of Veterinary Medicine

Community Partners Involved

United States:

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
Michigan State University
Tuskegee University
Iowa State University
Virginia Tech University
University of Florida

Tanzania:

Sokoine University of Agriculture
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries (MALF)

Other International:

Punjab Agricultural University – India
Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM)



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How you can get involved:

- Become educated on the importance of capacity building to human and institutional development.
- Learn about the U.S. Government's Feed the Future program aimed at improving food security and alleviating poverty by visiting www.feedthefuture.gov.
- Interact with iAGRI-supported graduate students on campus and learn about their research, goals, and vision for improving food security in Tanzania.
- Attend iAGRI- sponsored events (i.e. student forums, seminars) on campus.
- Contact iAGRI project director to discuss opportunities to provide consultation and technical assistance.

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